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6-20-05

Omid Shakeri 3131 S. Bascom Ave. Campbell, CA 95008

Re 574 Bobwhite, Sunnyvale

A site inspection was performed at the above location to determine the condition of the trees and location on a map of this parcel. I have been informed that the buildings are intended to be demolished.

- 1) At the front of the property is a large Date Palm. Diameter of the trunk is 36" and it is estimated to be 35' in height. The condition of this tree is good.
- 2) There is a Pitosporum eugenioides also refered to as a Victorian Box. This is a multi-trunked tree with the largest trunk at 10" in diameter. The overall height of this tree is about 15' and the tree is in good condition.
- 3) There is a Jacaranda tree in the front lawn, 8" in diameter and 15' tall, fair health.
- 4) A small citrus is located next to the house in the front yard.
- 5) Going around to the left and in the back yard, (near the Kiwi vine) is an apricot tree. This tree is 20" in diameter and in declining health (poor)
- 6) A grapefruit tree is next in the row and has a trunk diameter of 10" and a height of about 10'. This tree is in good health.
- 7) Next is a Cherry tree, 12" diameter in poor health.
- 8) An English Walnut is further back in this area with a trunk diameter of 14" and a height of 18'. This tree is in fair health.
- 9) A Lemon, 10" diameter, fair health
- 10) Orange, 6" diameter, fair health.
- 11) Orange, 6" diameter, fair health.
- 12) Near the pool is a Southern Magnolia, 12" diameter and about 20' tall. This tree is in fair health.
- 13) Further back, in the second back area there is a Persimmon, 12" in diameter and in good heath.
- 14) Another persimmon is adjacent to the last and is 11" in diameter in fair health.
- 15) An Almond, 12", fair health.
- 16) In the center of this area is a large Fig. The trunk is fairly large (26" in diameter) and the height of the tree is about 20'. The spread of this tree is about 35' wide. Good health.
- 17) A small Avacado is behind the Fig with a trunk diameter of 7", fair health.

Respectfully submitted;

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Re 574 Bobwhite, Sunnyvale

A site inspection was performed at the above location to determine the condition of the neighbors Live Oak tree (1313 Bobwhite) and the relation of the root zone to the proposed new foundation.

The tree is about 40" in diameter and has a spread of 80' (foliage). The height of the tree is about 40'

A significant old tree such as this is often full of areas of decay and wounds from years of past pruning. This tree is indeed full of areas of decay and weakness. The tree has been recently pruned by the neighbor to a very poor standard. The industry term used to describe this type of poor pruning is called "lions tailing" The center is stripped out and the sun now hits all the interior branch system. This generally leads to a problem known as "sun scald". The number of chain saw cuts are excessive and in many areas nicked the bark.

It is difficult to work with such a large tree and make the clients feel safe when the house is under the tree. I'm sure that fear played a role in the reason the tree was trimmed excessively.

In the area of new foundation, (see photo with paint marks), the tree does have limbs that extend over this area. About 6' of overhang of the drip zone will be impacted by the foundation. This may (or may not) have an adverse effect on the health of the tree. If roots are damaged in this part of the tree root zone then structural stability will not be a factor. Only small roots will be encountered here. (Best not to do any damage if possible). Generally, it is recommended to keep out of the "drip line" whenever possible. A different type of pier and beam foundation would greatly help in minimizing the potential damage to the roots in this area. Because the neighbors house sits directly on a major portion of the root zone, that area was already compromised. Further damage to additional root zone (on such a weakened old tree) is not recommended.

Tree protection measures should be in place at the beginning of the demolition and throughout the project.

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